

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
March 7, 2007

Present: Mayor Kay Dyson, Vice Mayor Mary Nedrow, Eric Baca, Pete Hunt and Phelps Wilkins

Staff: Scott Garms Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Shaffery & Coronado P.C. Town Attorneys, Steve West Police Chief, Tom Malone Public Works Director, and Larisa Bogardus Community Development Director

Public: Judy Hayes WMI, Kevin Burk, Byron Smith Chamber of Commerce Representative, Dave Rempel DOC, and Mark Baca former council member.

1. Mayor Dyson called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m. and welcomed the newly appointed Councilmember Eric Baca to his first meeting.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Eric Baca, Invocation by Mayor Dyson.

3. Public Participation:

Byron Smith reported that the new chamber director would be starting on March 12th.

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Mr. Garms reported he and Vice Mayor Nedrow attended the EDAC meeting. Dana Overson reported they had received a \$10,000 REDI grant. They will be updating the website, looking into billboard advertising and will be producing some restaurant table maps. The power plant reported that SRP is up to about 100 people, and a few other subcontractors with a varying number of employees. The Mayor Council meeting is April 2nd in Snowflake and the joint council meeting is scheduled for April 19th in Eagar at 6:00 p.m. He asked the council to pick a date between April 11 and the 13th for the council retreat. He will attempt to secure Sipe's Ranch for the retreat, if he can't, he'll find another place for the retreat.

Karalea Kowren reported on the possible move towards a centralized campus. The new president has the philosophy that he would prefer to operate a more centralized campus and not have satellite campus like we currently have. This would be a major change in the way NPC operates which would affect our educational opportunities in Apache County. We would be left without a community college.

Larisa Bogardus reported that on Wednesday March 28th there will be a work session to hear the updated presentation from the Tejido group. They will be presenting several different planning options and asking for feedback from the community, and asking the council what direction they would like them to proceed with the development plan.

Mayor Dyson reported there will be a State wide water advisory group meeting this Friday. Legislation is before the Senate to allow us to establish water authority districts and a statewide rural pot of money to access for sewer and water improvements.

Nacog is having a special meeting with the Apache and Navajo County members regarding transportation services for the aging in our area and will look at other things.

She met with State Lands regarding permitting processes to get easements to cross state land to connect Wenima with Becker Lake.

5. Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes: Consider approval of minutes from the appeals hearing held on February 13, 2007.

B. Minutes: Consider approval of minutes from the February 21, 2007 meeting.

- C. Special per diem Request: Consider approval of a per diem request for Mayor Dyson attendance at the ADWR-SWAG meeting in Phoenix, NACOG in Flagstaff, and AZ State Lands & ADEQ meeting in Phoenix.

Mayor Dyson declared a conflict of interest on item C.

Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt motion to approve consent items A. – C.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Pete Hunt
		Eric Baca
		Phelps Wilkins

Mayor Dyson went back to public participation and asked former Councilmember Mark Baca to come forward. She presented him a plaque in appreciation and for his dedicated service as a council member from April 2004 to January 2007.

6. Ordinance 2007-002- Second reading, discussion and action regarding ordinance #2007-002 amending Chapter 15.04 Building Code of the Town of Springerville.

Second reading by Mayor Dyson; “An ordinance of the Town of Springerville, Arizona amending Chapter 15.04 Building Code of the Town, Municipal Code of the Town of Springerville and establishing an effective date”.

Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt motion to approve ordinance 2007-002 amending Chapter 15.04 building code of the Town of Springerville.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Pete Hunt
		Eric Baca
		Phelps Wilkins

7. Ordinance 2007-003-Second reading, discussion and action regarding ordinance #2007-003 amending Title 16 “Subdivisions” of the Springerville Municipal Code”.

Second reading by Mayor Dyson; “An ordinance of the Town of Springerville amending Title 16 “Subdivisions” of the Springerville Municipal Code and establishing an effective date”.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Pete Hunt
		Eric Baca
		Phelps Wilkins

8. Skate Park Equipment: Discussion and action regarding the possible sale or move of the skate park equipment.

This item was tabled from the last meeting to have a full council present.

Mayor Dyson explained that there were two options. Option one is to retain the skate park and budget for its relocation in the new fiscal year budget. Option two is to negotiate the sale of the skate park equipment.

Vice Mayor Nedrow stated that she personally wanted to keep the skate park and is opposed to selling it. She is in favor of option one. Her opinion is that the kids in this town need the skate park and we need to go after our own grants. She would like to see a new slab put down in this town center area and felt that this would attract people staying motels.

Councilman Wilkins felt this was a lot of money to spend to reinstall the park if it isn't going to be used. If Eagar is putting in a new one that is going to be better it would be a waste of money if the kids go there.

Chief West noted that the park has it's served its purpose. In the past the smaller children have been accompanied by their parents just to make sure their safe. Currently older children are the majority that uses the park. He felt that it would be horrible to put the skate park back out and not have any activity since children are likely to go to the bigger and better place. He said he would rather see a place where families can bring their small children. We could provide for the younger kids on a different level.

Councilman Baca said he had concern with option two not stipulating what the money would be used for. He asked if there would be an option to put something at the Springerville Park and felt that there should be a central location for people to go to instead of having to travel to different locations to do different activities.

Councilman Hunt concurred with Councilman Baca with regard to where the money should be used. With matching grants the possibility of bringing something of greater value for a greater majority of population is there. A larger pot of money combined with matching grants would allow the town to expand our park with other possibilities that would appeal to a wider range of children instead of limiting ourselves to just one singular item such as the skate park. He favored looking at the possibility of selling our equipment and looking for matching grants and specifying what the money would be used for.

Mr. Garms stated that we have a master plan and a lot of things will be driven by this master plan. By this late spring or summer we will have a section of playground component targeted for the five to twelve year olds. We would go back to the Master plan.

Vice Mayor Nedrow asked if it would hurt to hand on to the equipment and take it off the insurance.

Mayor Dyson stated that the park is an asset and she was not in favor of selling the skate park equipment. The idea of the park was to take the kids off the streets and the sidewalks. She expressed concern that some children will not have the means to get to the Eagar Park especially the little kids and their safety while walking. She reiterated that they should not be selling our recreational equipment and the skate park should be put back on the 6.2 acres. If no one comes then we can remove the equipment from the slab and make it into a ramada.

Councilman Baca asked why they are always waiting on Eagar to see what they're doing. Eagar is always going out to get the grants to put in new equipment and we should be doing the same.

Councilman Wilkins said he also supported Councilman Hunt.

Mr. Garms advised the council that we are going into budget season. If the council wants to rebuild the skate park they will need to budget for it in the new budget. If they decide to sell the equipment it also can be earmarked specifically for recreation in the budget.

Mary Nedrow/Kay Dyson motion to go with option one.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow
	Nays:	Eric Baca Pete Hunt Phelps Wilkins

Motion failed.

Phelps Wilkins/Pete Hunt motion to approve option two and designate all the money to develop the recreational purposes outlined in the master plan.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Pete Hunt Phelps Wilkins
	Nays:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow

9. Committee Assignments: Discussion and action regarding committee assignments for council members.

Mayor Dyson stated that she served on too many boards and said she would like to give up the Little Colorado RC&D. This group meets twice a year.

Kay Dyson/Mary Nedrow motion to appoint Eric Baca to the Little Colorado RC&D as the council liaison.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Eric Baca Pete Hunt Phelps Wilkins
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Councilman Wilkins announced that he currently serves on the airport and parks committee and temporarily on the Chamber. He advised the council that he would like to give up the parks committee and continue to serve on the chamber board.

Kay Dyson/Mary Nedrow motion to appoint Councilman Baca to the parks committee.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Eric Baca Pete Hunt Phelps Wilkins
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Pete Hunt/Mary Nedrow motion to appoint Councilman Wilkins to the MPC board.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Eric Baca Pete Hunt Phelps Wilkins
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10. Adjournment:

Mary Nedrow/Pete Hunt motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson Mary Nedrow Eric Baca Pete Hunt Phelps Wilkins
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Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday March 7, 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of March 2007

Town Clerk